

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

February 22, 2019
9:00 AM

Senate Finance Room 451-M

Pursuant to the call of Chairman Maroney, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Finance Room, 451-M.

Silent roll call was taken. There being eight (8) members present, a quorum was established. Present were Chairman Maroney, Vice-Chairman Tarr, Senator Azinger, Senator Palumbo, Senator Prezioso, Senator Roberts, Senator Rucker and Senator Stollings.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who introduced a motion to approve the minutes held February 21, 2019. The minutes were approved.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 574 along with a proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 574 permitting authorized physician order involuntary hospitalization of individual if physician believes addicted or mentally ill. Counsel responded to questions from the committee.

With leave of the committee, Brandon Hatfield, WV Hospital Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee and responded to questions regarding SB574 and the proposed Committee Substitute for SB574.

With leave of the committee, Lisa Tackett, Director of Mental Hygiene Service for the WV Supreme Court of Appeals, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee and responded to questions regarding SB574 and the proposed Committee Substitute for SB574.

Senator Palumbo addressed the committee and moved for an amendment to require attempts to contact all designees (the mental hygiene commissioner, designated county magistrate and circuit judge) before an authorized staff physician may order involuntary hospitalization.

Chairman Maroney presented the question to the committee regarding Senator Palumbo's suggested amendment. The amendment was adopted.

Chairman Maroney presented the question to the committee for agreement upon the Committee Substitute for SB574. All voted in favor of the Committee Substitute and it was adopted.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who moved that the Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 574, as amended, be reported with recommendation to pass, but under the original double

committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was passed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tarr moved to adjourn. Chairman Maroney put the question on the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maroney, Chairman

Terri Varney, Committee Clerk/Analyst